

55320 Council Housing Waits

Could you supply the five longest current waits for council housing?

The list provided is of the top five applicants who are 'Starters' ineligible for any 'Priority'. They have accrued one waiting day for every day they have been registered. These are the applicants who have physically waited the longest amount of time. Their 'waiting points' have been accrued without a 'Priority' boost as follows:

1. 15,274
2. 15,061
3. 13,461
4. 13,396
5. 13,263

It is important to be clear that under a Choice-based letting system, as operated by the City of Edinburgh Council and the majority of Housing Associations in Edinburgh, the time taken to be housed depends on applicants actively bidding for available homes, the areas/property types they are prepared to consider and the homes that become available that meet a household's needs. People can therefore be on the register but not be actively seeking housing or looking for a move.

It is important to note the following which determines how applications are categorised and the dates that are used to calculate the waiting times on the register:

When an applicant is registered with EdIndex they are classified as either a 'Starter' or a 'Mover', based on their current housing circumstances.

Starters

- Starters are generally people who do not have their own home:
- Homeless households.
- People in a hostel, supported or temporary accommodation.
- People staying care of friends and family.
- New households.
- Private rented sector tenants.

Movers

- Movers are people who do have a home but who wish to move:
- Council tenants (including joint tenants).
- Registered Social Landlords or other social rented sector tenants.
- Owner occupiers.
- Households in tied accommodation.

Waiting time for a 'Starter' is calculated from the date the housing application form is registered. For example, a 'Starter' who is registered with EdIndex for one year will have 365 waiting days and a further day is added for every day they are registered. 'Starters' will have one waiting day when they first register with EdIndex.

Waiting time for 'Movers' is calculated from the date they move into their current home. For example, a 'Mover' who has been in their home for one year will have 365 waiting days

when they first register with EdIndex and a further day is added for every day they are registered.